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The Honorable Reed E. Hundt, Chairman
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Re: CC Docket 96-45 Universal Service

Dear Mr. Hundt:

I'm writing to urge your strong support for discounted telecommunications discounts that will empower libraries and schools to fulfill their role as universal service providers as authorized by the Telecommunications Act of 1996. In passing this legislation, it is clear that Congress recognized the key role of libraries in providing public access to the electronic information infrastructure and to ensure that carriers would provide services to libraries and schools at rates less than those charged to other parties.

If libraries are to provide the public with an expanded range of information opportunities, they must have the capacity for high bandwidth interactive and visual applications. Libraries are responsible and accountable users of technology. They have in the past and will continue to leverage every bit of help. Meaningful discounts to the full range of telecommunication services available commercially will enable libraries to continue and expand their services in communities and in schools. Libraries in low income, rural and other high cost areas may need special provisions.

I know that you are hearing from many parties about how the Federal Communications Commission and the Joint Board should implement the universal service provisions. I strongly urge you to give serious attention to libraries and the proposals they are making directly and through the American Library Association.

Very truly yours,

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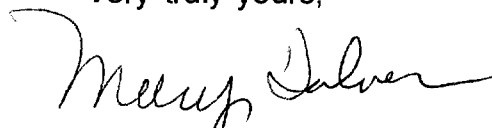
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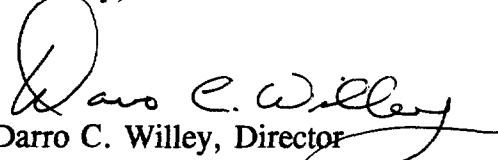
Dear Mr. Hundt:

It is my understanding that the Federal State Joint Board on Universal Service will be considering rules for the implementation of the Universal Service Provisions of the 1996 Telecommunications Act. I am writing to urge you to support retaining in the rules current provisions for discounted rates for libraries and schools.

When Congress passed this legislation, the necessity for providing widespread public access to the national information infrastructure through libraries and in schools was recognized. If institutions such as the DeKalb County Public Library are to provide such access to the "information have-nots," then a reduced rate structure is essential. In a time of shrinking public agency budgets, discounted rates will help us provide the public, particularly economically disadvantaged persons and young people, with use of the high bandwidth interactive and visual applications, which will make up the cutting edge of information technologies in the near future.

I expect that the FCC and Federal State Joint Board on Universal Provisions may hear arguments to the contrary, especially from telecommunications carriers. Please give strong attention to needs of the public through reduced libraries and schools rate structures. I know that the American Library Association has prepared detailed information related to this issue, and I urge you to seriously consider its proposals in your deliberations.

Sincerely,


Darro C. Willey, Director
DeKalb County Public Library

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